GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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COGNISIBLE CRIMES
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether incidents of cognisible crimes are increasing in the country and criminals responsible for it are not identified;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the total number of such cases reported during each of the last three years, State-wise;

(d) whether the Government has formulated any research policy or set up forensic experts group to deal with such type of crimes;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the steps taken/proposed to be taken to bring the criminals to book?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MANIKRAO H. GAVIT)

(a) & (b): As per information compiled by National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB), a total of 6028781, 5026337 and 5102460 cases of cognizable crimes under Indian Penal Code (IPC) and Special and Local Laws (SLL) were reported in the country during the year 2004 to 2006 respectively, thus showing a mixed trend.

(c): The State/UT wise details of cases registered, cases charge-sheeted, cases convicted, persons arrested, persons charge-sheeted and persons convicted under IPS & SLL, as reported to the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) by the States/UTs, during 2004 to 2006 are enclosed at Annexure I to III.

(d) to (f): `Police` and `Public Order` are State subjects under the Seventh Schedule to the Constitution of India and therefore, the State Governments are primarily responsible for prevention, detection, registration and investigation of crime and for prosecuting the criminals through the machinery of their law enforcement agencies. The Union Government, however, attaches highest importance to the matter of prevention of crime and therefore, has issued advisories from time to time to the State Governments/ UT Administrations to give more focused attention to improving the administration of criminal justice system and take such measures as are necessary for prevention and control of crime. There are sufficient number of forensic experts available in different forensic science laboratories under the Union Government and State Governments to deal with all types of cognizable crimes and to offer forensic analytical solutions to identify the perpetrators of such crimes.